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TO:

All DHR County Directors

DHR Program Directors

FROM:

Page B. Walley, Ph.D., Commissioner

RE:

FACTS Implementation Schedule

This is to advise you that the Department has decided to defer the implementation of the FACTS pilot counties for four weeks. Completion was originally scheduled to begin on July 14, 2008. The new date is August 11, 2008. The dates for the remaining implementations will remain the same.

This change in schedule will allow the project to find and resolve problems, which are being identified in system testing. This will result in fewer defects when the system is implemented in the pilot counties. It will also allow us to make improvements in the response times we are now seeing in the system. Finally, it will allow additional time to further refine the process of converting data from the numerous legacy systems. We think the extra time can be better spent identifying and fixing problems prior to implementing the pilot counties rather than reacting to problems that are found later.

Below is the schedule for pilot implementation and for the three rollouts:

Roll Out #1 (Pilot Implementation)

Training for Pilot Counties:

Pilot Counties Go Live

July 21 – August 8

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August 11

Roll Out #2

Training for Roll Out #2 Counties

October 6- October 24

Roll Out #2 Go Live

October 27

Roll Out #3

Training for Roll Out #3 Counties

Roll Out #3 Go Live

November 3 – November 21

December 1

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Roll Out #4

Training for Roll Out #4 Counties

December 1 – December 12

January 5 – January 9

Roll Out #4 Go Live

January 5

Additional information on the FACTS installation will be provided to you as we approach the implementation dates. We will also begin posting project information to the FACTS web site at:

http://dhr.state.al.us/page.asp?pageid=960.

Thank you for your support of this important project. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Freida Baker at 334-270-7331 or by e-mail at freida.baker@dhr.alabama.gov.

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